

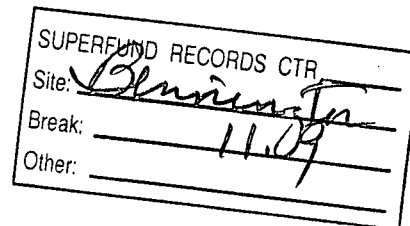


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May 24, 1995



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and Bennington Landfill PRPs

Re: Bennington Landfill Superfund Site and Inability to Pay

Dear Bennington Superfund Site PRPs:

This letter serves as a reminder that the EPA remains willing to consider legitimate, relevant claims concerning inability to pay as it relates to the construction and cost of the selected source-control remedy at the Site (namely, a multi-barrier cap estimated to cost \$9,713,274). As previously communicated by this office, however, such inability to pay claims can only be considered by the Agency when asserted in a timely manner and fully explained and substantiated by the party asserting them. To date, no specific claims or materials in support of such claims have been received by EPA in the context of the above-referenced Superfund matter.

With the initiation of Special Notice negotiations fast approaching, the EPA must receive such claims (if any) by June 15, 1995 to adequately analyze them in the context of this case. Accordingly, if you believe you have (or your client has) a genuine and verifiable claim of inability to pay in this case, you are advised to immediately compile and submit appropriate documentation in support of that claim so the EPA may analyze it fully in the context of upcoming negotiations concerning the above-mentioned remedy.

To consider any claim of inability to pay, at a minimum, the EPA must receive the claimant's latest three to five years of federal tax returns (including any and all schedules) for analysis. In addition, to further assist the government in its analysis, you also should submit the most recent several years of financial statements (with accompanying notes), balance sheets, audits, and any and all other pertinent financial materials.

You may assert a confidentiality claim covering part or all of the financial information provided, in the manner described in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. All information claimed confidential



should be included on separate sheet(s) and clearly identified as "trade secret," "proprietary," or "company confidential." Note that you bear the burden of substantiating any confidentiality claim. Such claim of confidentiality should be accompanied by information supporting the claim. Information covered by a claim of confidentiality will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent, and accordingly to the procedures, provided in 40 C.F.R. §§ 2.201-2.311. **If no such claim accompanies the information when it is received by EPA, it may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to you.** You should read the above cited regulations carefully before asserting a business confidentiality claim, since certain categories of information are not properly the subject of such a claim.

Finally, please understand that the EPA's analysis of inability to pay claims includes an examination of factors well beyond available cash reserves. At the very least, the government routinely considers factors such as the potential sale of assets, the availability of increased commercial borrowing, the sale of stock or securities, application of profits toward payment, and the deferral or elimination of future investments, among others.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this important matter. If you have any questions please contact me at (617) 573-5768, or have your attorney contact Hugh W. Martinez, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, at (617) 565-4526.

Sincerely,



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